

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 1965. A bill to meet the mental health and substance abuse treatment needs of incarcerated children and youth; to the *Committee on the Judiciary*.

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S. 1969. A bill to *amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974* and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional protections to participants and beneficiaries in individual account plans from excessive investment in employer securities and to promote the provision of retirement investment advice to workers managing their retirement income assets, and to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to prohibit insider trades during any suspension of the ability of plan participants or beneficiaries to direct investment away from equity securities of the plan sponsor; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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Measures Passed:

Tribal Claims: Senate passed S. 1857, to encourage the negotiated settlement of tribal claims, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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S. 565. Election Reform:

Senate continued consideration of S. 565, to establish the Commission on Voting Rights and Procedures to study and make recommendations regarding election technology, voting, and election administration, to establish a grant program under which the Office of Justice Programs and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall provide assistance to States and localities in improving election technology and the administration of Federal elections, and to require States to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements for the 2004 Federal elections, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

McConnell (for Gramm) Amendment No. 2927, to guarantee the right of all active duty military personnel, merchant mariners, and their dependents to vote in Federal, State, and local elections.

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Dodd (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 2928, to determine whether voting systems are able to accommodate as many voters who have a limited proficiency in the English language as possible.

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Dodd (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 2931, to ensure the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal information collected, stored, or otherwise used by the free access system established for the purpose of permitting individuals casting provisional ballots to determine the final disposition of their vote.

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Dayton Modified Amendment No. 2898, to conduct a study on the establishment of a program that makes free postage available for certain individuals with respect to absentee ballots cast in elections for Federal office.

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S. 565. Election Reform (Cont'd.):

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 36), Cleland/Miller Amendment No. 2883, to amend the short title to read “Martin Luther King, Jr. Equal Protection of Voting Rights Act of 2001.”

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Pending:

Clinton Amendment No. 2906, to establish a residual ballot performance benchmark.

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Dodd (for Schumer) Modified Amendment No. 2914, to permit the use of a signature or personal mark for the purpose of verifying the identity of voters who register by mail.

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Dodd (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 2916, to clarify the application of the safe harbor provisions.

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Hatch Amendment No. 2935, to establish the Advisory Committee on Electronic Voting and the Electoral Process, and to instruct the Attorney General to study the adequacy of existing electoral fraud statutes and penalties.

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Hatch Amendment No. 2936, to make the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 permanent.

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Schumer/Wyden Amendment No. 2937, to permit the use of a signature or personal mark for the purpose of verifying the identity of voters who register by mail.

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Smith (NH) Amendment No. 2933, to prohibit the broadcast of certain false and untimely information on Federal elections.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of ***Schumer/Wyden Amendment No. 2937*** (listed above), on Wednesday, February 27, 2002, with a vote on or in relation to the amendment to occur at 10 a.m.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 27, 2002.

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Nominations–Confirmations:

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 35), Robert E. Blackburn, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 37), Cindy K. Jorgenson, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Justice.

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Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee resumed oversight hearings to examine accounting and investor protection issues, focusing on proposals to reform financial reporting by public companies, accounting standards, and oversight of the accounting profession. Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 5.

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Committee Meetings (Cont’d.):

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine certain issues contributing to the collapse of Enron Corporation.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of *Gerald Reynolds*, of Missouri, to be *Assistant Secretary of Education for Civil Rights*, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine rulings of the United States Supreme Court affecting tribal government powers and authorities, focusing on trust reform and trust asset management. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Committee on the Judiciary: *Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Ralph R. Beistline, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska, D. Brooks Smith, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Randy Crane, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and David C. Bury, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.*

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings to examine the security of U.S. ports against terror, focusing on technology, resources, and homeland defense.

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Remark:

Confirmation of Richard J. Leon, United States District Judge for D.C.

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 3788. A bill to limit liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 for service station dealers with respect to the release or threatened release of recycled oil; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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H.R. 3794. *A bill to amend the Federal Law Enforcement Pay Reform Act of 1990 to adjust the percentage differentials payable to Federal law enforcement officers in certain high-cost areas; to the Committee on Government Reform.*

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H.R. 3795. A bill to establish a Federal Bureau of Audits within the Securities and Exchange Commission to conduct audits of all publicly registered companies; to the Committee on Financial Services.

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Bills Introduced (Cont'd.):

H. Con. Res. 333. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the *Attorney General*

should appoint a special counsel on matters relating to Enron Corporation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Report Filed:

Report were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 350, providing for consideration of **H.R. 1542**, to deregulate the Internet and high speed data services (House Report 107-361).

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "*Retirement Protection: Fighting fraud in the sale of death.*"

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on "*The National Drug Control Strategy for 2002.*"

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Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy held a hearing on "*Helping Federal Agencies Meet Their Homeland Security Missions: How Private Sector Solutions Can Be Applied to Public Sector Problems.*"

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Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action, as amended, **H.R. 3482**, *Cyber Security Enhancement Act of 2001*.

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on **H.R. 1542**, *Internet Freedom and Broadband Development Act of 2001*, providing one hour and twenty minutes of general debate, with one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and twenty minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Committee on Rules: By voice vote, the Committee adopted its views and estimates on the President's fiscal year 2003 budget.

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on Retirement Security and Defined Contribution Plans.

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Committee Meetings For Wednesday, February 27, 2002:

Committee on Appropriations: @ 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government, on U.S. Customs, 2359 Rayburn and on Secret Service, 2362A Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, @ 10:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on *“Enron and Beyond: Legislative Solutions.”* 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, @ 3:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled *“How much are Americans at risk until Congress Passes Terrorism Insurance Protection?”* 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, @ 10:00 a.m. Hearing on *“Justice Department Misconduct in Boston: Are Legislative Solutions Required?”* 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, @ 10:30 a.m. To consider Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2003 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, and to mark up **H.R. 2146, Two Strikes You're Out Child Protection Act.** 2141 Rayburn.

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, @ 1:00 p.m. *To consider the following: Committee Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2003 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; public buildings 112(b) resolutions; S. 1622, to extend the period of availability of unemployment assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in the case of victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; H.R. 2804, to designate the United States courthouse located at 95 Seventh Street in San Francisco, California, as the “James R. Browning United States Courthouse;” H.R. 3282, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 400 North Main Street in Butte, Montana, as the “Mike Mansfield Federal Building and United States Courthouse;” H.R. 3643, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 120 12th Street in Columbus, Georgia, as the “J. Robert Elliott Federal Building and United States Courthouse;” S. 1270, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at 8th Avenue and Mill Street in Eugene, Oregon, as the “Wayne Lyman Morse United States Courthouse;” and other pending business.* 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, @ 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Aviation Security, focusing on Passenger Profiling. 2167 Rayburn.

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Remarks:

Federal Employees Of American Samoa Income Taxes.

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Arrest Aids Pursuit Of Weapons Network.

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Next SENATE MEETING: Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., February 27, 2002.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., February 27, 2002.

OLA: S. Schwarz, A. Santos